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Population squeaks by RCMP payment

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Statistics Canada has released initial population census figures for 2011, and the results have the Town of Didsbury breathing a sigh of relief. The updated Didsbury population came in at 4,957, just under the 5,000 mark that would have resulted in the town being required to pay for its RCMP officers.

"We're glad that it stayed under [5,000], that was the key trigger for the RCMP payment," said Mayor Brian Wittal. "It's a sigh of relief, there's some breathing room for how we are going to manage that."

The next census will be in another five years, and while Wittal predicts that the population will, very likely, be over 5,000 in that time, the half a decade span will allow the town to build reserves to fund future expenses and be prepared, should the province change the way the payment is to be done.

"They may come up with a new funding formula, that could change, possibly to a per capita basis for all of the area," said Wittal. "Right now it's based on rurals paying no extra fee, and urban paying a certain percentage. We just want it to be in balance." As for the growth of Didsbury, the population has increased by 15.1 per cent, up from 4,275.

Alberta is currently leading the nation in population growth at 10 per cent, above the national average of five per cent. "As things continue to progress outside the Calgary area, things are going to pick up around here, both in commercial and residential," said Wittal. "We're expecting by this summer to be back into a busy time."

The upped population is also good news for Didsbury's residential statistics, with the town's updated development statistics showing an increase in that area to reflect the new population. "They're all optimistic signs, there's some decent growth within the town itself, like with the upcoming Bethany centre and Shantz Crossing," said Wittal. "It's positive growth."

New statistics show major hit to commercial/industrial growth

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The new 2011 development statistics for the Town of Didsbury show a jump in residential and dwelling count, but a decline in commercial and other areas of growth, as well as permits overall. The updated 2011 statistics show a jump of 65 total dwellings and \$7,217,049, up from 25 and \$5,310,685.35 in 2010.

Institutional development is up by four permits and \$120,000 from 2010, with a listed zero permits that year. Residential stats also show 26 permits and \$6,850,500, up from \$3,805,000 in 2010 (with no residential permit count listed). However, commercial, industrial and other developments are down considerably, with commercial/industrial's 2011 money comparison at \$152,849, down from \$1,038,500 in 2012. This decline is an "economy reflection", according to Mayor Brian Wittal.

"There's not a lot of commercial lands [in Didsbury]," said Wittal. "And retail business in the downtown is not the hottest part of the economy right now."

However, Wittal is expecting things to pick up come spring and summer, especially with new projects such as the Shantz Crossing Business Park starting to get underway, and in the oil and gas industry. "The oil and gas services around here is where we're going to see the growth," said Wittal. "Shantz is also going to show positive growth. People are going to say 'things are happening [in Didsbury], let's check it out.'"



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Karen Henry address questions and comments about the structural plan for Shantz Crossing Business Park during the open house on Feb. 8 at the Five-O Club in Didsbury.

Wetlands project wins award at 2012 CEA Showcase Awards

Innovative design snags

Award for Merit for Sustainable Design

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury's North Industrial Stormwater Wetland Project brought home honours following the 2012 Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA) Showcase Awards held in Calgary on Feb. 10.

The town and its consulting engineers and ISL Engineering and Land Services won the Award of Merit for Sustainable Design, chosen due to the attractive and innovative design, which created a

new park network and pathway with a three-hectare constructed wetland, while also associating the project with stormwater conveyance upgrades.

The project was competing against three other projects for the award, including the Fort McMurray Wastewater Treatment Plant, University of Calgary Cogeneration Projects, the new Calgary Science Centre and more.

"Not everyone has a valley to utilize in this unique way," said Mayor Brian Wittal. "It shows we've tried to plan something

very forward-thinking and incorporate it into the landscape."

"It was an honour for both the ISL and town," said Chief Administrative Officer Roy Brown on winning the award.

Since its completion the wetland project has seen much use and has received many positive comments from residents as well, according to Wittal.

"We wanted to have something that enhanced the valley and area for residents and make it useable," said Wittal. "It provides an opportunity for nature without disturbance."

Shantz Crossing project's structure plan unveiled

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

An open house to unveil the area structure plan for the Shantz Crossing project was held at the Five-O Club in Didsbury on Feb. 8.

The open house invited the public to take a look at what was currently the framework to guide the development of the project and have their questions answered.

"We want to hear concerns and address them," said Project Manager Karen Henry.

"We want to give [the public] the information."

Shantz Crossing Business Park is a 45.7-acre municipal project cur-

rently zoned as a 1-2 Industrial area and is next to the highway and railroad. It may make a new home for various businesses, which can help drive traffic and economic benefits to the Didsbury area, according to Henry.

The current site layout also has the potential for a new rail spur to go through it, though whether this will come to be is up to the business that purchases the lot where the rail spur could go.

Lots are also available for businesses to purchase—however, there are still no buyers as activity will not begin on the site until this spring.

"Once they see that activity, the [businesses] hang-

ing around will make the leap," assures Henry.

Despite hosting the open house to give the community information and present a floor for questions, there was a small turnout, which brought some concern to project and town officials.

"We would have liked to have seen more people come out," said Mayor Brian Wittal. "We want people to get the information they need and have their questions answered."

Turnout aside, Wittal said he and other town officials were "happy" with what was presented, and agreed with Henry that, come spring activity, businesses may start to purchase lots.

RCMP report

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
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Attempted break and enter at Carstairs store

An unknown individual drove a stolen F350 truck into the back of the Cold Beer and Liquor Store in Carstairs on Feb. 4 at around 4:50 a.m.

The truck had been stolen earlier in Carstairs from where it had been parked on Idaho Street.

No entry was gained into the store, though some damage was sustained to the business, and the damaged truck was left at the scene.

RCMP believe that a second vehicle was involved to provide a getaway ride following the event. RCMP

are treating the crash as an attempted break and enter.

This incident is also being treated as possibly connected to the break and enter that occurred in Didsbury to Mountain View Liquor and Beer in a similar fashion.

Stolen parking meter found

RCMP recovered a parking meter, which was discovered in a ditch off of Rge. Rd. 283, by Twp. Rd. 292 on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.

The meter had been

stolen out of the Calgary area and was damaged significantly in order to gain access to the money inside.

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Opinion

Rural seniors committee a worthwhile initiative



DAN SINGLETON

The provincial government has announced the creation of a new committee that will look at ways of keeping more rural seniors in their home communities – benefiting those same communities, in turn, by helping to retain a very valuable human resource that might otherwise be lost.

The Aging in Rural Community project will create a “replicable economical and socially beneficial” model allowing rural seniors to remain in Alberta towns, villages and surrounding areas, say organizers.

The project will see the establishment of the Rural Seniors Advisory Committee, comprised of volunteers, consultants from various seniors’ organizations, and staff members from various government departments. The committee will spearhead the gathering of information that will go into the creation of the model, which, once completed, will have applications across the province, including right here in West Central Alberta.

“With Alberta’s elderly population growing, rural communities face an increased demand to provide support systems to help seniors stay in their communities,” Evan Berger, minister of agriculture and rural development, said in announcing the project last week. “The Aging in Rural Community project will look at how seniors and their communities can adapt and provide the needed social solutions for an aging rural population.”

Through the Rural Alberta Development Fund, \$725,000 is being made available for “this collaborative community-driven initiative aimed at engaging rural seniors and their communities in designing and implementing rural aging solutions for essential services such as housing and advanced care needs,” he said.

With Alberta’s senior population expected to continue to grow over the coming decade, finding ways to keep older Albertans in their home communities longer makes nothing but good sense, both at an economic and social level.

On the other hand, when seniors are forced to leave their home communities because of a lack of housing and health care, fewer job opportunities and other factors, nobody benefits.

With many communities struggling to meet the needs of the growing senior population these days, the time is certainly ripe for new solutions and for forward looking plans and projects.

“The research supporting the benefits of having rural seniors age in their communities will provide decision-makers in government, business and the non-profit sector with the knowledge to ultimately create effective policies and strategies,” said Marie Logan, chairperson of the Rural Alberta Development Fund.

If this new committee leads to more seniors contributing to rural communities for more years, it will be great news for every resident of West Central Alberta. And as for the \$725,000 cost, if things work out as hoped, it will be money very well spent and a worthwhile investment in Alberta’s future.



Alberta’s health council membership a win-win

The province of Alberta has recently committed to join the Health Council of Canada – a national agency that reports on health-care renewal across the country. One of the benefits of the Health Council is that it identifies innovative practices from a system-wide perspective, so that provinces and territories can learn from one another.

Alberta’s membership is a significant milestone for our province as it demonstrates a strong political commitment to a pan-Canadian vision and direction in health care. The Health Council was created by the First Ministers’ Accord on Health Care Renewal in 2003, which had a strong commitment to collaboration across jurisdictions – so when a jurisdiction opts out of participation, it poses a problem for achieving the vision and goals of the Accord.

Every province and territory is taking significant steps to find innovative ways to improve health-care delivery and make their systems more accessible, sustainable and of high quality. While each jurisdiction is unique in its context, priority issues, and concerns, we also share many things in common. It

is wasteful of time and resources to constantly “reinvent the wheel” rather than adapting what has been proven to be worthwhile elsewhere. While there is no “one size fits all” solution in health care, we can accelerate progress by sharing experiences, understanding the challenges and successes across provincial lines, and building cumulative knowledge to ensure each of our systems grows stronger.

While it may seem as though there has been little progress and innovation, there has been in fact much to celebrate across the country.

And, Canadians deserve to know about the different ways of managing and practising health care that work.

Alberta is unique in its health-care governance. We have one regional health authority and a centralized governance model, with operational decision-making decentralized to the zone level. It is a different governance model than much of the country, and when we shifted to this model, other provinces were interested in learning from this innovative structure. It will be important to share what has been positive and what has been

challenging about it in order to aid other provinces in making decisions about their own systems. This commitment to the Health Council of Canada has made it clear that Alberta is ready to play an important role in informing the future of health care in the country. As a member of the Health Council of Canada, Alberta can benefit from its participation in the pan-Canadian arena in which to share and learn from the wide spectrum of innovative health practices in Canada.

In 2012, it is not good enough that promising solutions to important health system problems are successfully implemented in some parts of the country while having absolutely no uptake in others. At minimum we should question why approaches that have proven to cost less and achieve better outcomes in some jurisdictions are not adapted by others.

As we look beyond 2014, this is the time to reconnect and ask whether or not the vision of collaboration expressed in the last Accord is still relevant. While the pan-Canadian perspective articulated in the Accord has yet to be fully achieved, new ques-

tions need to be asked and answered before a new accord is signed. If there is truly a commitment to achieving pan-Canadian health system goals, all jurisdictions need to be involved and participate in the discussion. We need to refocus on what was intended when it came to collaboration, and be clear about the vision for the future of health care. While every jurisdiction must tailor the means taken to achieve the Accord’s health goals, we can work together to solve common problems and address similar challenges. In this regard, Albertans are no less committed than other Canadians to ensuring a national commitment to providing Canadians with access to quality health care that is available and accessible based on need, rather than ability to pay, regardless of place of residence. I applaud Alberta’s decision to join the Health Council of Canada as we have much to offer and much to learn from others as we strive to achieve a better health-care system for all.

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Curling team wins bronze at Alberta Winter Games

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
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A piece of bronze from the 2012 Alberta Winter Games has come back to Didsbury.

Team Missikewitz, based out of the Airdrie Curling Club, won the bronze medal during the weekend event that took place from Feb. 9 to Feb. 11.

This was the second try at the games for the team, featuring players Dacey Brown, Victoria Ardiel, Megan Moffat and Didsbury local Courtney Missikewitz, who competed in the games in 2010.

The girls started out strong on the starting games on Feb. 9, with two wins, followed by a third on Saturday morning, putting them in the semifinals.

Unfortunately the semifinal

game was lost, putting the team in the bronze medal match, where they came out victorious in a 7-3 win.

"In a way, we really wanted to win, we were shooting for gold," said Missikewitz regarding the single lost game after the team's three-win streak. "We were under a lot of pressure though for the semifinal game, we knew we had to win and that mental part got the

best of us."

The bronze medal game was against a formerly beaten team the girls had faced earlier in the games, so Missikewitz said the path to winning was a matter of recollecting their strategy from their first faceoff against the other team.

"We're really happy we walked out with some medals, that's for sure," said Missikewitz.

Team Missikewitz is also having a good league season, tying for fourth at their first Junior Provincials and entering the Juvenile Provincials this coming March.

As for what the team has taken back, aside from the bronze, from the Alberta Winter Games, Missikewitz said, "We're going to keep working hard as a team and trying our best."



Photo submitted

Carson Schultz of Didsbury lines up a shot in front of Don Hafso of Viking at the two-person stick curling provincial championship held Feb. 5 at the St. Albert Curling Club.

Didsbury curlers stick to win

Carson Schultz and Garry Sherman crowned stick curling provincial champions

BY JEFF HANSEN
For The Review

The founder of stick curling was crowned the first double winner of the provincial championship in a February 5 showdown at the St. Albert Curling Club.

Carson Schultz beat out former champion Don Hafso 4-2 in the ninth annual showcase of two-person stick curling.

"It's the first repeat and it's not easy to do," said Schultz, the inaugural 2004 winner with Brian Dingman.

The Didsbury duo of Schultz and Garry Sherman finished the 32-team draw undefeated to capture the provincial title.

"We've been chasing this thing for eight years now and we finally got it,"

said Schultz, 65.

"We've been in the final before so it's really nice to finally make it," added Sherman, 67.

Sport for life

Stick curling consists of two players, male or female of any age, per team. They can either stick deliver or slide deliver. Each team takes turns throwing six rocks per end. The two skips that end become the throwers for the next end. There is also no sweeping between the hog lines.

"It's great to show people that anybody can get out there and enjoy the sport," Schultz said.

A sore knee forced Schultz to try stick curling in 1998 and he was soon hooked.

"It's so much easier to do," he said.

It also helped Dingman,

his buddy from Didsbury, to stay active in the sport.

"He had a medical condition and ended up in a wheelchair and couldn't curl anymore, but he finally got mobile enough to use a cane. He just loved to curl, but with a cane you can't chase rocks up and down. We said, let's revamp these rules a little bit so that you can stay at one end and shoot and I will go down to the other end. You shoot them down to me and I will shoot them back," Schultz said. "All of a sudden the sport exploded."

Sherman also caught the bug and stick curling quickly became Didsbury's unofficial sport.

"I came along a couple of years later after Carson started the sport and

we've been working on it since then," said Sherman, who curls with Schultz in leagues in Carstairs, Airdrie and Innisfail.

"It really is a sport for everybody."

Hafso, the 2009 provincial champion with Viking rinkmate Doug Dobry, started stick curling seven years ago.

"I used to curl competitively but I quit for a year because my knee went on me and I can't slide anymore. A guy talked me into trying a stick and I just enjoyed doing it. It kept me going in the sport, which I love," Hafso said. "Drawing is a little tougher but you'll find you can almost hit as well with a stick as you could throwing normally."

For more information on stick curling, visit www.sturling.net.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY



PUBLIC MEETINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday March 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING - SHANTZ CROSSING: Tuesday February 28, 2012 at 6:00 pm

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday February 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Melissa Trotter, Community Peace Officer

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Museum exposition celebrates David Thompson journey

BY JULIE BERTRAND
For The Review

Mountain View Museum is hosting David Thompson Highway, a new art exhibit that will be on display until Feb. 27.

The exhibit is a collaboration between six Central Alberta artists to celebrate the bicentennial of David Thompson's first crossing of the Rocky Mountains.

"These six artists went and took a trip to look at the modern perspective of

what Thompson would have seen," said Donna Erdman, chair of the Olds Historical Society.

"There are rocks, trees, water, prairie, and all kind of different vistas in 29 paintings. It is a fair interpretation of what he would have seen as he was travelling. It is a very interesting idea."

Didsbury painter Dee Poisson contributed to the exhibit with a painting representing a spot near Abraham Lake.

"I went and took reference shots of this spot. I use a lot of reference materials, photos and things like that when I am doing that," she said.

"I do not often paint in the wintertime, so to go out there and paint would just be too cold."

The exhibit was put together by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition program (Trex).

The same six artists collaborated for the first time

six years ago for a show called Alberta Highway 53: The Artist's Journey.

"We received a grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and we proceeded to do images from along that highway and show it along that highway when we were finished," said Poisson.

The show drew the attention of Trex curator Dean Tatam Reeves, who told the artists he would be interested in curating their

work, should they ever want to put together a similar show.

"We started putting the David Thompson Highway exhibit together and painting the artwork three years ago. Reeves came out, took a look at it and said this is what he wanted," said Poisson.

"He picked it up and took it and started showing it around the province."

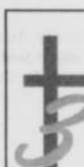
Trex basically rents the paintings from the artists and exposes them in muse-


ums, schools and public spaces around Alberta. "They estimate that in one year, 16,000 people will visit the exhibit," said Poisson.

"They will have anybody from school kids to seniors in different spots."

On Feb. 15, Mountain View Museum will have a come-and-go coffee party from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Poisson will be present to answer questions from the public. The museum invites all residents to come see the exhibit.

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Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

Students from the MEOW foundation bake sale fundraiser being held at Westglen School every lunch period from Feb. 14 to Feb. 15 have been selling homemade goods and raffle tickets to help rescued cats in need.

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A group of Grade 8 students at Westglen School are putting their best paw forward to help cats in need.

Cookies for Cats, Have a Heart, is a bake sale fundraising effort in support of the Calgary-based MEOW (Make EveryOne Wanted) foundation, which is a rescue shelter for cats.

The fundraiser held its first day on Feb. 7, when students managed to raise \$92.51 selling homemade goods in the front lobby of the school during lunch break.

The bake sale was also held on Feb. 8 and will be held again this week on

Feb. 14 and Feb. 15, between 12:20 p.m. and 1 p.m. in the school's front foyer.

There is also a raffle going on for three gift bags, which were donated by AG Foods, Subway, Victoria Flowers, Front Porch Guys, Mugs, Crosstead Construction and Didsbury Veterinary Services. Each basket is worth over \$200 and tickets for the raffle are \$2.

The bake sale also has a wish list of items for the MEOW foundation that people can donate, such as cat litter, paper towels and new scratching posts.

The fundraiser is being run by a committee of Grade 8 teacher Connie Visser's students: Raven Youngs, Cassidy Danks, Izabell McAdams,

Samantha Wilkinson, Allyson Dunn and Taaliya Arns.

The idea for the fundraiser came up when Visser was telling her students during lunch how she volunteers once a month at MEOW, having been introduced to it through her daughter, who volunteers there as well.

"You see on TV, like on Animal Planet, cats and dogs who need help," said Dunn.

"We wanted to help the situation and make it a little bit better [for the cats]."

"We had some ideas, we were spitting them out," explained Arns on coming up with the bake sale idea.

"We thought about having a marathon but that

would have been too much work to organize. Kids and people love pastries and eating though."

"These girls have done everything," said Visser, explaining that the idea for the fundraiser bake sale, baked goods, information posters and more were all a student-driven effort. "It's tremendous, it's student driven. They've done everything, they've been phenomenal. They've very selflessly participated. These are the girls who are going to make a difference in the world."

"There are so many strays in Didsbury, it's so depressing, so it's nice to know we're helping a foundation that's helping these cats," said Dunn.

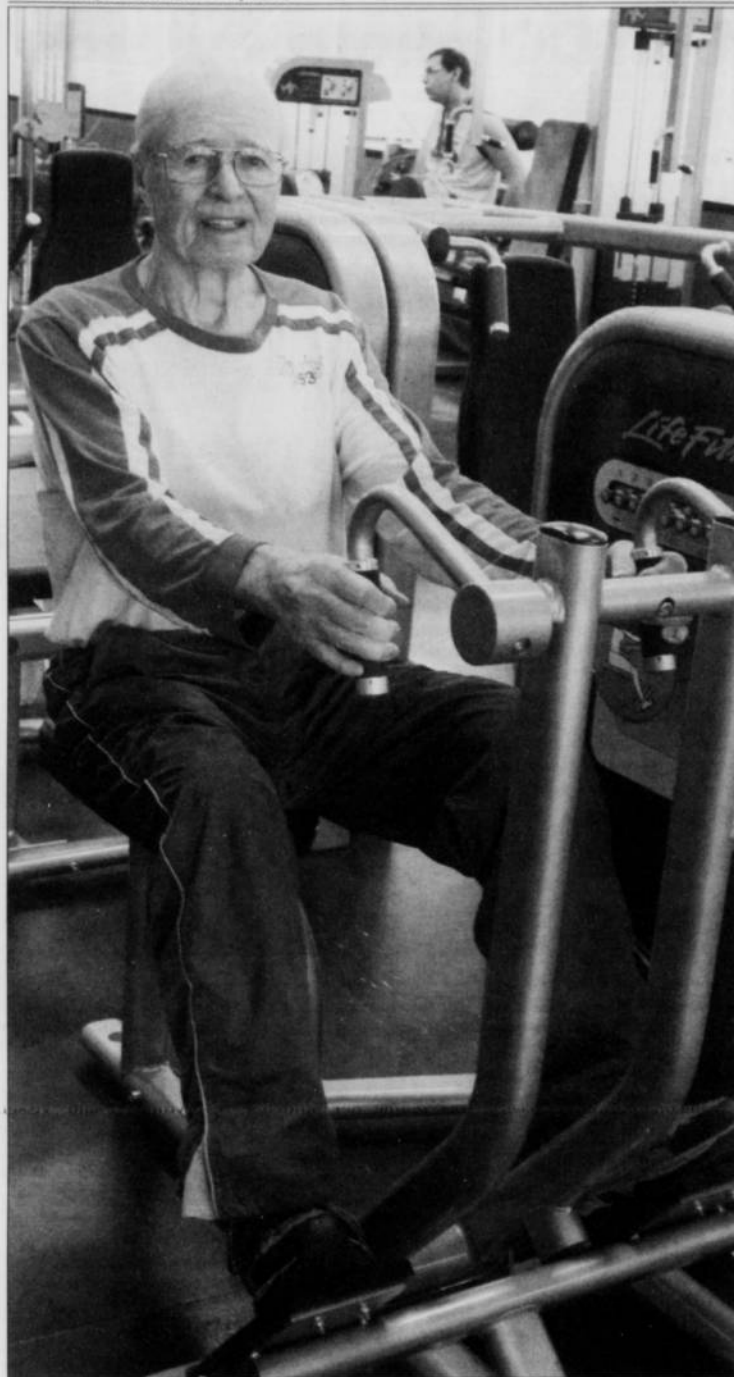
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Cliff Beatty using one of the various pieces of equipment at the Community Learning Campus in Olds. Beatty has been working out five days a week, every week for 27 years since his retirement.

Regular exercising 'good fun' for 88-year-old

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

"I don't know how other people feel at my age," said Cliff Beatty when asked how his consistent workout schedule makes him feel at age 88.

The Didsbury resident has been keeping active for over 27 years following his retirement, and shows no signs of stopping yet.

Beatty's exercising began with daily walks while living in Calgary before moving on to working out with equipment in a gym.

"It was mostly just to keep active," said Beatty. "I had to do something, I was 63 and didn't feel like I was old."

The gym regimen stuck, and after moving to Didsbury and working out at the gym at Olds College, Beatty moved on to the newer Community

Learning Campus (CLC), continuing to maintain his schedule.

Beatty works out five days a week, every morning, following a hearty breakfast of porridge, fruit, milk and toast.

He does five miles' worth of biking on the bike machine, and lifts weights for around 40 minutes.

In the spring and summer, Beatty enjoys golfing, and on golfing days he sticks just to the bike while at the gym before heading out for a day on the green.

"I can't explain it," said Beatty of the several individuals who approach him to compliment him on his dedicated exercising work at his age. "They say 'Jesus you're in good shape for your age'."

The CLC is currently encouraging a wide span of age demographics as well, so having Beatty appear every morning for his rou-

tine is no surprise.

"We have a lot of programs going on with the senior demographic," said CLC Fitness Programmer Brittany Ehmann.

Currently the CLC is running a circuit course for seniors, with over 30 people in attendance for it.

"It's a community place, for all demographics," said Ehmann. "People can become friends here and turn workouts into visits, it's fantastic that way. We really encourage the social aspect."

As for why Beatty has kept to the CLC since testing the waters of the facility last year, he said, "I'm impressed, it's very well run."

Beatty has no intention of slowing down or stopping his workout schedule in the future, saying, "I'm happy and proud that I've stuck to it. It's good fun, and I'm able to handle it."



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Noel West cleans up at ATCO photo awards



BULL'S EYE • A Circus Gatti performer shoots a bow and arrow at a balloon using only her feet on May 19, 2011. This photo won first place in the human interest category.

MURRAY ELLIOTT
For the Review

Mountain View Publishing's photographer, Noel West, was honoured Friday night in Calgary at the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association's annual ATCO photo awards.

Actually, Noel was more than honoured. He dominated. Noel won, or placed in every category save for one:

- First and second-place human interest *Didsbury Review*.
- First-place sports *Didsbury Review*.
- Second-place multi-picture *Didsbury Review*.
- First-place spot news *Olds Albertan*.
- Honourable mentions *Carstairs Courier*, *Didsbury Review*.

We have been fortunate to have a long history of photographic excellence. Noel has only been with us a bit more than a year. He had big shoes to fill. One of his predecessors, the very talented Carla Victor, always left the ATCO awards evening with a disproportionately large number of awards.

Quality content is the key to our success. Noel plays an invaluable role in our pursuit of this goal. He covers a large territory – from Innisfail to Carstairs and everywhere in between. Our demands on his time and talent are considerable. He loves his job and it shows.

Noel's former colleague, Justina Contenti, from the Innisfail Province, also secured a first-place illustration and an honourable mention.

It's nice when others notice and reward a job done exceptionally well.



A young fan high-fives participants of the Mayor's Calf Scramble Challenge as they leave the arena during the intermission of the rodeo on Aug. 20, 2011. This photo won second place in the human interest category.



HOME DESTROYED • Firefighters from Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds fight a fire at a mobile home 22 km east of Didsbury during the early on Sept. 2. The home was completely destroyed by the blaze, with high winds contributing to the spread of the fire. This photo was a runner-up in the spot news category.

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During World War II he served in the RCAF, taking his aircraft mechanic training in St. Thomas, Ontario after which he was posted to Paulsen, Manitoba, Calgary and Abbotsford, B.C. He returned to Didsbury after the war where he worked for the Morris brothers dairy which he eventually took over and for 33 years delivered milk to the residents and businesses of Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield.

He was very much involved with community work, serving several terms as town councillor and devoting many hours to the sports he loved, especially hockey. His countless hours of volunteer labour at the rink earned him the honorary title of "Mr. Arena".

He was deeply loved and will be sadly missed by his family: Robert and Fay Wilkins, Gary and Pam Wilkins, and Sharon and Les Marston. He also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. George was predeceased by his wife Marolyn; brothers Frank, Sid, Ern and Amos; and sisters Lil, Elsie and Eva. Our thanks go to all the staff at the Didsbury Hospital and Aspen Ridge Lodge for their dedicated and compassionate care.

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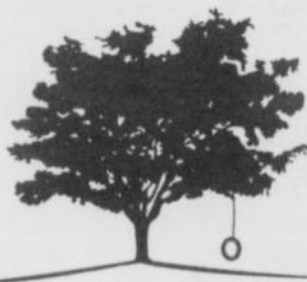


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